

**Act No. 4 of 1977****ZION UNITED BAPTIST CONVENTION IN THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
INCORPORATION****An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Zion United  
Baptist Convention in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas***[Assent 22nd March, 1977]**[Commencement 31st March, 1977]*

WHEREAS certain persons have established within the Commonwealth of The Bahamas a Convention of Churches under the name of the Zion United Baptist Convention in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient for the holding and disposing of property of whatever kind belonging to the said Convention, and otherwise, that the officers from time to time of the said Convention, being the Trustees of the Convention should be created a corporate body with the powers hereinafter appearing:

Short title

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Zion United Baptist Convention in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Incorporation Act, 1977.

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**2.** The present officers of the Zion Baptist Convention in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, that is to say, the Reverend Charles Clifford Smith, Elkin Storr and the Reverend Theodore Darling, being Trustees, and their successors in office are hereby declared to be a body corporate under the name of “the Trustees of the Zion United Baptist Convention in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas”, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall have full power to purchase, lease, invest and otherwise deal with and dispose of all property real and personal of whatever kind vested in or acquired by the said corporate, and may sue and be sued in all courts of The Bahamas.

Incorporates  
Trustees of Zion

**3.** All property real or personal of whatever kind now vested in or held in any manner by any person in trust for or for the use and benefit of, or heretofore devised or bequeathed by will or otherwise given to, the Zion United

Baptist Convention in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the Convention”) shall vest in and be held by and shall be deemed to be the property of the said body corporate.

4. The Trustees shall receive all moneys raised for, or in any way contributing towards the Convention, and also all sums given, subscribed thereto or in support thereof, or which shall be payable to them in their capacity as Trustees, or be subject to their control, and they shall pay and apply such moneys in such manner as they shall from time to time think fit and determine for the benefit and advantage of the Convention.

Power to receive and apply funds as trustees of the Convention

5. The receipt in writing of any Trustee, authorised in that behalf by bye-law for any moneys paid, or for any stocks, funds, shares or securities transferred to such Trustee shall effectually discharge any person paying or transferring the same therefrom, and from being bound to see to the application, or being answerable for the loss or application thereof.

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6. Any order, resolution or proceeding of the said Trustees, or the exercise by them of any powers by this Act conferred, or any request, devise or gift to them for the benefit of the Convention or any mission or charity connected therewith shall not be invalidated by reason only of there being a vacancy amongst the said Trustees.

Trustee's receipt a sufficient

7. Nothing in this Act shall prejudice or affect the rights of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, or of any other person or persons except as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from, through or under them.

Vacancies not to invalidate gifts